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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Petition to Convene a Contested Case Proceeding to Establish "Permanent Prices" for Interconnection and Unbundled Network Elements

Docket No. 97-01262

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This is in response to your Friday, June 22, 2001 Notice requesting that BellSouth inform the Authority by no later than Monday, June 25, 2001 at 12:00 noon whether it intends to pursue the Motion to Modify Tariff Revision Requirement Consistent with FCC Order on Remand. BellSouth does intend to pursue the Motion. The Authority's Order denying Tariff No. 01-00205 and opening Docket No. 01-00526 states that ". . . if BellSouth chooses to include terms and conditions for subjects not addressed in Docket No. 97-01262, such as reciprocal compensation, then such terms and conditions shall be consistent with all decisions of the Authority in other arbitration proceedings, Generic Docket Enforcement Proceedings." See Order of June 21, 2001 at page 7.

BellSouth does not believe that the generic tariff it has been ordered to file in this proceeding can be silent with respect to intercarrier compensation issues. As stated in its Motion, BellSouth respectfully submits that the Authority no longer has jurisdiction to order BellSouth to incorporate "terms and conditions consistent with the Authority's decisions . . . on reciprocal compensation" into the UNE tariff and requests that the Authority modify its June 12th decision consistent with the FCC's ISP Remand Order.

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BellSouth is in the process of developing proposed tariff language consistent with the FCC's ISP Remand Order that will address intercarrier compensation. BellSouth respectfully requests that it be given additional time, until Tuesday, July 10th, to prepare and file such language for the Authority's review. BellSouth plans to file the proposed rates and other terms and conditions tomorrow. BellSouth requests that the Authority not approve the tariff until such time as the proposed language relative to intercarrier compensation has been submitted and approved.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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cc: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 25, 2001, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record as indicated:

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